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Photo by Warren Riley

The Red Hawks are 2013 COSSA champions. The junior football team won the title Nov. 7 on their home field.

Red Hawks claim COSSA crown

By Warren Riley
 Sports writer

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) junior Red Hawks football team crushed the Quinte Saints 28-14 to take the coveted Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic (COSSA) championship.

The Nov. 7 game was held at the Gary G. Brohman field, and the Red Hawks put the home advantage to good use. From the outset, the teams were evenly matched and played a clean game with few penalties. Hundreds of spectators lined the field to cheer on the home team.

The Red Hawks took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter with a touchdown by Ethan Cooper.

Two off-side penalties by the Saints gave the Red Hawks an advantage allowing Mac Rider to score. The score was 14-0 Red Hawks.

At the end of the second quarter, the Saints got a break and responded with a completed pass to Anthony Aylesworth for the touchdown. The missed convert made the score 14-6 Red Hawks. Ryan Hill added another touchdown for the home team with just over four minutes left in the half. At the break it was 21-6 Red Hawks.

The Saints were demoralized during the third and fourth quarters in the face of the

Red Hawks' onslaught. The home team steamed ahead by adding another touchdown by Rider. The Saints tried to rally, adding one more touchdown to their side of the scoreboard, but the Red Hawks wouldn't let them gain any more ground.

The Red Hawks won 28-14.

For coach Bruce Griffin, it was his third COSSA win during his career at HHSS. His last championship coaching was in 1991. Griffin couldn't have been happier.

"It was a great game," he said, addressing his team. "I'm proud of every single one of you. We're going to do it all again next year, right boys?"

"The boys played great," Griffin said later.

"I told the boys they are the worst practice team I have ever coached in 26 years but [they] always seem to bring it all together on game day. They are good athletes and I think that was the difference today. I also think we had better athletes."

Griffin said the coaching staff had their eyes on Saints defensive back Aylesworth all game.

"We shut him down and that was the key," he said. "Our defence played strong. It was a good clean game and the refereeing was awesome so it was good."

"It was my third COSSA in 26 years and the first time at home so it's pretty special."

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No cut in shoreline fees

Algonquin Highlands may soon require permits for building on shoreline road allowances

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Over the years some Highlands waterfront property owners have discovered they don't own their property right up to the high water mark due to a shoreline road allowance (SRA), and that can mean trouble.

For example, in Algonquin Highlands, property owners who do not own their SRA are limited as to structures they can build on it. Councillors report complaints from constituents about strangers using the adjacent SRA, citing public property. Buyers are increasingly reluctant to purchase properties if the SRA isn't included. In one case, a new buyer was told by the realtor that the SRA was deeded, and learned afterward that it was not.

Following passage of its revised comprehensive zoning bylaw this year, Algonquin Highlands has begun updating its 2001 policy on sale of land and road allowance closing and its SRA closing procedures, in part to clarify the processes for applicants.

Councillors are also considering a new policy that would require a licence of occupation for new and existing structures on township-owned SRAs that are not adjacent to the applicant's property. The first draft includes a non-transferrable clause and public liability insurance requirements.

SRAs were created when the county's 66-foot-wide road allowances were surveyed to skirt water bodies before continuing on the opposite side, explained Anthony vanLieshout, Royal LePage broker of record. Many cottagers built structures and even cottages on the SRAs in earlier years. County municipalities initially refused to sell them but began allowing SRA sales about 12 years ago, he said.

Structures on SRAs owned by Algonquin Highlands that were built before the zoning bylaw passage can be maintained but not replaced. At public meetings many property owners expressed anger over having to purchase

the SRA to build and/or rebuild the structures they want. Some called it a township cash grab.

The township's SRA purchase rate is \$0.40 per square foot, set in 2001. Staff reported the rate was intended to reflect the higher value of waterfront property and that it is slightly higher than those of other county municipalities but lower than the \$1 per square foot in neighbouring Lake of Bays. During the recent policy discussions councillors reviewed the township rate but opted to maintain it.

In regard to the licence of occupation policy draft, Reeve Carol Moffatt noted the SRA zoning bylaw changes were made in consideration of local lake association plans to protect lake health.

"It seems to me that if there are issues with these structures, is this document meant to, over time, transfer properties and through attrition, is the intent just to withdraw all the structures from our shorelines?" Moffatt asked councillors. "If we don't have good reasons behind it, it is just a make-work project to staff, and there's no profit in it for us because really the fees just cover the work that needs to be done."

Council will further consider the document's intent and staff will come back to council with an amended draft at a later date.

As for the case of the realtor who presented the SRA as deeded, "I would think that the agent may be liable based on that presentation," said vanLieshout, explaining realtors can verify SRA ownership through various sources, including location of the property, deeds and surveys.

In the example of his office, vanLieshout said realtors explain SRAs and indicate the SRA's ownership to the buyer prior to a sale.

For sellers who haven't already confirmed they own their SRA, vanLieshout advised this can be done through measures such as reviewing deed documents, having a lawyer do so, or consulting a surveyor.

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Rotary bandshell rising

The timber framing is done on the new Rotary bandshell in Head Lake Park. Crews were on site on Nov. 13 installing the timbers. More work is scheduled throughout the week.

AH in brief

AH to buy new tandems

Mike Thomas has received an early Christmas present: Algonquin Highlands council approval to replace two tandem trucks at an estimated cost of \$400,000.

The township's public works operations manager said last year's scheduled replacement of one of the trucks was postponed to replace an ailing backhoe. The purchases will come from the estimated 2014 equipment reserve of \$700,000. Thomas said the township will work with Minden Hills, which is replacing one tandem, to secure volume pricing. The next scheduled replacement is in 2016, giving the township one year to replenish the equipment reserve through its annual average transfer of \$250,000 from equipment rental fees.

Trillium grant for Dorset Community Partnership

The Dorset Community Partnership Group has received \$62,500 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and \$5,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation toward development of washrooms and a covered pavilion at

Dorset Community Park.

The items are part of the group's plans to "enhance opportunities for sports, recreation, arts and culture in the community" according to the OTF website.

Gord Henderson, Ward 1 councillor for Algonquin Highlands, said the group is also receiving in-kind contributions, including an offer to roof the pavilion, at no cost.

Rains mean fourth culvert replacement on Dawson road

Algonquin Highlands plans to budget for another culvert replacement on Dawson Road in 2014 after observing the effect of recent heavy rains.

Three culverts replaced along the road after April flooding are working "wonderfully" according to public works operations manager Mike Thomas. The fourth culvert is old, too short and situated on a very narrow part of the road, said Thomas. Once it has been replaced "then all the culverts along that road should be able to hold the proper volume of water that comes down that road."



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Editorial opinion

High marks for Grade 3 class

Back in September I wrote a column about bullying.

Quick recap: I bullied a kid in high school and my best friend stood up to me. He told me to stop and he called me a bully. I'm proud of my friend for doing that, and I shared that story as a way to tell people, specifically young people, not to tolerate bullies even if it's a friend of yours.

Today I'm proud of a Grade 3 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School for doing the same thing my friend did, all those years ago. Only they took it a step further: they took on the whole school.

You'll read all about it in the newspaper this week so I don't want to spoil the story here. But these kids, hearing that a classmate named Tathan was being talked about behind his back, took it upon themselves to put an end to the teasing. They did it through education.

The students approached their teacher and asked to do a project about their classmate and his condition, Angelman Syndrome. Then they presented their work to other students.

Originally it was intended to show kids in Grade 2 and 4 how to communicate with him, but it has since grown into a school-wide presentation for every class. Students who had never met their classmate were learning about him and his condition.

The real message in those presentations, however, was one of acceptance.

These students don't see a kid who can't talk; they see someone who is

different but no less deserving of their friendship. That idea applies to anyone at the school, regardless of their grade. It applies to all ages in all walks of life, too.

I can't say that I was so accepting in school. While I was never mean to the special needs students in my school, I didn't go out of my way to be their friend, either. They were taught in a separate classroom away from the 'regular' kids, and that surely contributed to some of the barriers between us. And if I did have to speak with them, I can't say I knew how. Nobody showed me, and I didn't ask. It wasn't worth my time.

Well, it was worth these kids' time.

Maybe the students didn't realize the message they were going to be sending would be so powerful, but it's inspiring. I got a warm feeling inside speaking with their teacher about this project, even though we were standing out in the cold. In a way it restored some faith I might have lost in younger generations. You often hear it said that kids these days can be cruel, but these kids are just the opposite.

Kudos to the Grade 3 students at Archie Stouffer. You should all be very proud of yourselves, though I imagine you know it was just the right thing to do. To the teachers and parents, you, too, should be proud. Clearly you've done something right with these children, and the school is a better place for it.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Toe of frog

I think I finally understand Ford Nation.

I received a survey recently. The survey asked whether I thought *racialized* people faced discrimination and if so, what options – from seminars to affirmative action – would I support to address it. *Racialized*, a word I'd never seen, according to the survey means, “expresses race as the process by which groups are socially constructed, as well as to modes of self-identification related to race.”

Whatever.

But somebody's making a living administering *racialized* surveys to people like me who are not qualified to answer them. Someone else, I read this week, is also making a living ministering in our prisons. Nothing wrong with that you might think except, did you know, our federal prisoners are entitled to receive religious counselling in whatever religion they like, including witchcraft.

Luckily, nobody still thinks that witches should be burned at the stake. Yet for some, it's not enough that we leave witches alone and respect them as human beings. These scolders are who Rob Ford and many others call the “elites”. According to their thinking, we must “embrace” witches, “celebrate” them and, for crying out loud, make sure they have access to spiritual guidance in prison because, you know, eyes of newt have been a cornerstone of rehabilitation since the middle ages.

The same people may call you uncultured, sneering if you don't go to ballet and opera, call you stupid if you didn't go to college or deem you criminally negligent if you bring a peanut into a public space. When they're not shaming pregnant women for having a drink, these busybodies tell us what to eat, how to raise our children and what latest colours must be painted on our walls. They tell us that if we're not tweeting one hundred times a day, eating organic, shopping fair trade, riding a bicycle and planting heritage gardens that we are morally defective.

Is Ford the bully? Or is he pushing back against those who have bullied all of us for years with their political correctness?

What binds these nattering ninnies together is not wealth or education, but a surplus of time and dearth of practical matters, leaving them free to incessantly bash the Western culture that allows them to be armchair philosophers in the first place. Not satisfied,

they relentlessly attack human nature which, as every five-year-old knows, includes disliking some people for no good reason; forced affirmations won't change that.

Rob Ford's attraction is not his perseverance or his “every guy” persona; it's that no matter what happens, no matter what anyone says, Rob Ford acts exactly as Rob Ford wants to. Pleas for decorum and politeness have been gloriously, totally ignored. Ford may be a jerk and a liar, but for many his lack of shame makes him a liberating hero, throwing off the chains of societal expectations and political correctness run amok.

Wouldn't we all like to be ourselves, say what we want 24/7 without fear of being called out, fired, scolded or fined for something “inappropriate”? Maybe most adults understand that strong societies are built on agreed norms and treating each other with decency, but it sure is fun to watch a guy for whom Norm means the person who waters the plants at City Hall.

The irony of course is that Ford himself is a total stranger to the insecurities facing the middle class today; he's no everyman, having inherited his wealth and position. If one of us conducted ourselves that way, we'd be in big trouble. Ford acts out so we don't have to. Actually, we're not allowed to.

Ford clearly remains an inspiration for the millions who feel disrespected by the world at large. We're treated like crap at the airport, by call centres, by our own government and by just about everyone who can get away with it. We can't do anything about it, so the Nation cheers on Rob Ford, even if he's patently unfit for office – maybe because he is – just to stick it to them. He has shrewdly tied the relentless disrespect suffered by the average citizen to the incessant clanging of political correctness, unfairly perhaps but to great effect.

The tragedy is that Ford's stubbornness and non-conformity have been turned inwards towards self-destruction, fueling an embarrassing and outrageous spectacle for both him and those whom he serves. Ford Nation's anger is misdirected to be sure, but it's certainly understandable.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Audit walkability before building

Dear editor,

It is a wonderful idea to make the business area of Haliburton more “walker friendly” (see ‘Walkers to assess new streetscape’, The Highlander, issue 108, pg. 2). It is great to get experts to do an audit to tell us how the environment of the streetscape could even be more pedestrian friendly. My question is simple, did the Canada Walks people do an audit of the plans before construction and now are doing a follow up audit or is this an afterthought audit? I would certainly hope that the municipality and the engineers in their wisdom would have had Canada Walks’ input before construction, at the planning stage. This audit may now necessitate changes that could have been incorporated into the original plans at little or no extra cost.

Armin Weber
Eagle Lake

Heartfelt thanks

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter to offer my profound gratitude to the young man and lady who stopped and offered me assistance on Halloween night when I got myself into a jam with my car. In the pouring rain, they worked tirelessly to free me from my predicament. They drove off before I could offer them anything more than a thank you, so whomever you are, thanks again. I have made a donation to the SIRCH Need a Hand program on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Victoria Bingham
Haliburton

Photo of the week




Photo submitted by George Neubert

The first snow of the season behind Sears in Haliburton.

Assist from MP appreciated

Dear editor,

I want to express our gratitude to Barry Devolin, our Member of Parliament, for hosting our Canadian Association of Home Inspectors (CAHPI) lobby on Parliament Hill, Nov. 6, 2013.

Barry’s appreciation for the work we do as a volunteer non-profit organization was appreciated. It provided our National Board with an opportunity to meet our Members of Parliament, one on one, and emphasize the work we do in consumer protection, improving our housing stock across the country, and generating jobs in repairs and upgrades. Most importantly we were able to bring to light the historical lack of regulation in the field and the self-regulating initiative

of CAHPI including the Registered Home Inspector (RHI) over the last 31 years.

Our CAHPI national staff and volunteers were warmly welcomed by Barry’s office. They were very helpful in directing us on the proper protocol on the Hill.

Barry, as a member of your constituency I want to thank you very much for your assistance. This is not the first time I have brought issues before you and your thoughtful attention and responses are acknowledged with thanks.

All the best,

Pam Sayne
Director – CAHPI
Chair – Lobby committee
Minden Hills

Letters continued on page 6

Under cover in camp

Sshhh! Don’t make a sound or they might be onto me. And knowing this bunch of motley characters that could be curtains for me.

Today, at this moment, right now, the Outsider is an insider. I’m what military types might call entrenched, totally immersed or deep undercover (hmm, maybe I should have asked a military type if any of those phrases were actually correct before writing them, but hey ho). I’m writing this missive in a whisper and you should be reading it that way too, so as not to give me away, OK?

Yes dearest reader, I’m in a wild and dangerous place where men are vicious and guns and rum abound.

No! I’m not on a pirate ship. I’ve infiltrated the hunt camp.

Now, I know that you know that I’ve been there before but this time it’s different. I’m in proper this year. Not as some plummy-voiced English journalist but as a bona fide hunter: and nobody has cotton on to me as yet.

The scene before me is gruesome to say the least. There are bodies littering the space, heaped awkwardly in corners and sprawled wide over the furniture. All are smelly, some more so than others and a few are only

partially dressed; eyes roll and the odd tongue hangs out. It’s truly horrible but then again the boys need a little nap after a hard day’s hunting.

All is quiet at the moment, hence my clandestine missive to you: there’s some background chatter from the next room and the low rumbling of snoring (not to mention the odd fart). Soon there will be a commotion though because it’ll be feeding time. In fact, I can hear Woody working his magic in the kitchen as I tap furtively onto my keyboard, which is shielded from view by a copy of Hook & Bullet Nutter’s Monthly.

As I survey the room, I can read the history of each individual from the lines on their face, the clothes they wear, the type of drink on the table in front of them. There’s the rugged (read wrinkly and weathered) Haliburtonian, easily identified by the holey socks, ample paunch and low rumbling growl of a snore that sounds something akin to the guttural utterances of a bad tempered bear. He’s best not awoken suddenly as he’s prone to leap up, swear, fart and fall over all in one swift action (this is also applicable if you come across him snoozing on his watch). Oh, and let’s not

forget the rum and coke sat at his feet at the moment. No true Haliburtonian hunter of a certain vintage drinks anything but rum and coke!

Next is the Omemee-ite. Softer snoring but no lesser in girth, these guys are big and they hunt in family packs. You can never be sure that one isn’t looking over your shoulder and so I won’t dwell, for fear of reprisals. Drink-wise these fellas are a little more adventurous, sometimes opting for a beer to wash down a pepperette or two but always coming back to the rum later on.

The third main group in camp is almost as foreign as the guys from Omemee. Difficult to understand sometimes but far more clearly spoken than a Haliburtonian after a few rums, the Chinese contingent are by far the best dressed hunters. Neat, tidy and always alert, it is these guys who I think might blow my cover. They don’t tend to drink and only nap for short periods so I have to be on my guard.

Finally, there’s Bearded Bob and Jimmy the Butcher, two renegades from the south. They look harmless enough but in fact they are ruthless drinkers (haha, you thought I was going to say killers, didn’t ya). They will

attack anything that is open and probably finish the bottle unless stopped, but nobody apart from camp bosses, the Barber and Scope-eye Ron, dare do that.

I picked a fairly eclectic camp to infiltrate didn’t I? But you have to be on your guard with so many languages being spoken. It only takes one misplaced action from me; one misheard sentence; one “I say dear boy, could you repeat that? I’ll be darned if I can tell what you chaps from Omemee are saying,” and I’m done for. All I have to do now is get through the few final days of the hunt without speaking to anyone and I’ll have made the week undetected as an outsider...

“HEY, YOU SILLY ENGLISH &%\$#*%&*! STOP FIDDLING WITH YOUR COMPUTER AND GET ME A RUM AND COKE!”

Holy moly, I’ve been made. Run for your lives, save yourselves. It looks like this inside-Outsider best do as he’s told or these guys might turn me inside-out.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Letters to the editor

Eye on the street: *Where will you be doing most of your Christmas shopping?*



Jayne Kennedy

Carnarvon

We only buy for a few children and grandchildren and we do it here at V&S. They have a good selection and the staff are very helpful.

John Bowyer

Haliburton

In Florida because that is where I will be soon and things are cheaper.



Kathy Burk

Haliburton

I shop mainly for my children and grandchildren and if I can get it here in town than that is what I do first.

Wendy Hicks

Pine Lake

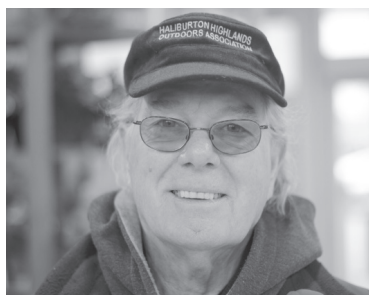
Mostly I will buy here in town. There are so many good things here and I prefer to shop locally. I will do a little bit online.



Wendy Miller

Minden

Haliburton. I did buy Christmas on Ice in Toronto for the grandkids. But I will certainly be checking out all the shops and little artsy stores and make more purchases here in town.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Need help finding lost items

Dear editor,

On Nov. 2 my husband and I were leaving the Minden area and a kind gentleman flagged us down to let us know our truck tailgate was down. We were grateful for this, especially since we had boxes of personal items in the back.

We carried on after closing the tailgate and checking on items. It wasn't until we arrived at our destination, 1,500 kilometres later, that we noticed there really was a box of items missing and, most unfortunately, it contained the most irreplaceable items.

I'm wondering if some dear soul has come across a small green tote, likely labelled with several small items in it, somewhere around the 35 highway or in around the Canadian Tire store in Minden. This is my last valiant effort to try and find these precious items, hoping that someone wants to return them but does not know how to get a hold of the person that lost them.

The return of these items would be most appreciated. I would enjoy meeting the person and thanking them myself if possible. Please contact The Highlander at 705-457-2900 with any information.

Sincerely,

Joanne Tomlinson
West Guilford

Dear editor,

On March 11, 1972, Hartley Newell and his two chestnut Belgian horses, Scott and Shane, were Heroes. Hartley died on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. This is my tribute to our friend and his magnificent horses.

Mr. Minaker was one of my favourite grown-ups. He lived with his wife and four devoted daughters in the tiny village of Lochlin in the Haliburton Highlands. With his weatherworn features and warm smile you instantly liked him. He had the bluest eyes that twinkled; deep wrinkles covered his tanned face. Whenever I visited Pat, his youngest daughter, he would make sure we had a good hardy breakfast before school. One morning as he kept placing food on the table, I ate and ate just to please him. As we walked down the lane to catch the school bus I thought I was going to burst.

Every winter after a heavy snowfall Mr. Minaker checked and cleared snow off cottage roofs. One of the cottages was located in Gelert. In the morning of March 11, 1972, he had been fixing bathroom pipes at daughter Audrey's house. After having lunch with them he phoned Pat from their place, proudly telling her that he had recently seen his doctor who said he was in great shape. She remembered saying, "Dad, you're as healthy as a horse!"

On his way home he decided to check on the cottage in Gelert while in the area. It was nestled amongst many tall spruce trees and hidden from the road. He arrived, left his car on the side of the road, and proceeded to slowly plunge through heavy snow about three feet deep. Since this was a spur of the moment decision he did not have his snowshoes with him.

Halfway between the road and the cottage his right leg began to throb. He fought the pain and would not give in to it. He could not believe the agonizing sensation that now possessed his limb. Stubbornly he continued. The ache became excruciating. It was no use. Exhausted, he collapsed face down in the snow. The long icy fingers of the freezing wind encircled his tired body. He yelled

loud and hard; the wind howled louder. Mr. Minaker was suffering and alone.

For years I have been intrigued with this story on that cold March afternoon. I had to satisfy my curiosity. It is my love of horses that inspired me to meet the person I knew could give me the exact details. Hartley Newell had a passion for horses and proudly showed me photos of his handsome chestnut Belgians as I sat in a comfortable chair in his living room. He proceeded to earnestly tell me the fascinating story.

"It's just as if it were yesterday. I had fed my two horses, Scott and Shane, about twelve o'clock. I usually let them outside but I decided it was just too cold. It was freezing. I worked in my shop for awhile and then for some reason I decided to let them out. I placed a blanket on each horse and opened the doors. They trotted out into the cold air. What made me change my mind? It was an act of God. I watched as they both sensed something and galloped to the far fence. Standing tall, heads held high and ears alert, they looked anxiously out over the field. They then whirled around, galloped back to me snorting as they came. They did this about eight or nine times. Their actions were strange for my horses. I thought it was a fox as we had many foxes in the area that winter. I hurried to the fence where they stood. Something lay in the snow about one quarter of a mile away. It was hard to see and then I vaguely heard a weak cry for help. I never would have heard that voice if my horses had not drawn my attention to the man in trouble."

Hartley continued to tell me how he struggled through the snow to reach Mr. Minaker. He had recognized the car at the road. Once he got to the man's side he knew it was very serious. Hartley tried to drag him through the snow to the road, but he was dead weight. Mr. Minaker had on high winter boots right up to his knees and Hartley loosened the laces to help circulation in the leg. He could not take the boot off because of the bitter cold.

In the distance he saw a truck drive into the sandpit. Two local men were drawing sand

for the slippery roads that day. He frantically yelled for help. They did not respond at first. Hartley was waving his arms and shouting loudly; finally they saw him and ran to help. Hartley quickly removed his own coat, placing Mr. Minaker awkwardly on it. The three men dragged him out to the road, and lifted him into the back seat of his car. Hartley didn't waste any time getting to the Minden Hospital.

He was in such bad condition they sent him by ambulance to the hospital in Lindsay. On March 16 he was transferred to a Toronto hospital. A blood clot had blocked all circulation. The leg was turning black. The doctors were also concerned about his left leg. They were afraid that both legs would have to be amputated. On March 17, his leg was surgically removed above the knee. Thankfully, his left leg was saved.

After the operation he spent many weeks in rehabilitation, and was fitted with an artificial limb. Blanche, one of his daughters, remembers his hospital room filled with flowers from family and friends displayed on window ledges, tables and lined along the floor. He asked the nurses to share his flowers with the other patients who did not have any. Everyone loved Paddy Minaker from Lochlin.

Being a positive, jovial fellow, he adjusted to his new leg and lived life to the fullest. He would often tease children asking, "Do you want to see my new leg?" They were fascinated. After he recuperated from his ordeal, he and Mrs. Minaker traveled with Pat and her husband to Newfoundland. This was a dream come true for him. He died in June 1976 at the age of seventy-five.

Because of the deep bond and love between Hartley and his intelligent Belgians, a precious life was saved. It was a miracle. If not for their keen animal instincts, Mr. Minaker could have frozen to death. He was forever grateful.

Sonya Sedgwick Proctor
Minden

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Have your opinion known... send your letters to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Highlander news

Skills Link program prepares youth for work

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Michelle Kerr always had a hard time communicating with other people. But now that she's in the final stretch of the 15-week Skills Link program, the 19-year-old Haliburton resident has learned how to step out of her comfort zone and retain numerous employability skills.

"I'm very socially awkward, so having to actually talk to people was a bit intimidating," said Kerr, who was referred to the pilot project after graduating from the Adult Education and Training Centre.

"I really learned a lot," said Kerr. "I certainly got a lot out of it."

Kerr lives in town but was having a hard time finding a job due to her lack of transportation. The Skills Link program helped solve that problem.

"I was having trouble finding a job in Haliburton because I don't have transportation, so everything had to be within walking distance. I was getting no calls so this was suggested to me."

The new federally funded program is designed to "provide opportunities for youth to gain valuable work experience and develop skills required to obtain and maintain employment." According to the Service Canada website, the program is part of the Youth Employment Strategy, an initiative involving 11 federal departments and agencies.

The local Fleming CREW Employment Centre received funding to start the program in Haliburton on Aug. 5.

"We had eight participants show up," said

Janine Papadopoulos, coordinator of the program. "They kept coming back, so that was good."

In the first four weeks of the program, participants like Kerr attended classes five days a week to learn a number of skills. Several guest speakers and instructors were brought in by Papadopoulos to provide training and certification in First Aid, Smart Serve and WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System).

"It's been a big change... going from doing nothing all day to having to go to class from 9 [a.m.] to 4 [p.m.]... and having to pay attention all the time," said Kerr, who has been working 25 to 30 hours per week at McKecks Tap & Grill restaurant in Haliburton as part of her employment placement.

"It's going pretty well," she smiled. "They're going to move me up to bartending once the placement is done. That's really exciting."

Next fall, Kerr will be enrolled in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program (VCAD) at the Haliburton School of the Arts. She plans to eventually become a tattoo artist.

While in the program, participants are paid minimum wage for 35 hours per week. They also receive allowances for employment support items such as child care, transportation and basic necessities. To be considered, candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 30, and be considered "at-risk" youth.

"They could be a single parent, without transportation, have learning difficulties... They could just find it really hard to get a job here in Haliburton County," explained Papadopoulos.

Participants are referred to the program,



Photo by Mark Arike

Skills Link program participant Michelle Kerr, centre, works at one of the Employment Centre's computers while staff members Janine Papadopoulos, left, and Kim Quigley look on.

either by an employment counsellor, Ontario Works or another agency. Papadopoulos interviews each candidate to ensure they meet the program requirements.

Of the eight participants who started, six will finish on Nov. 15.

"One participant moved to Thunder Bay and has employment there. One didn't finish the program," said Papadopoulos.

The success of the pilot project will be evaluated and Papadopoulos hopes to receive more funding to keep the program going. A decision has been made to offer the next instalment in Minden starting in March.

"Hopefully we get the funding and we're able to do it again," she said, adding that the structure of the program will slightly change.

According to Kim Quigley, employment and training consultant, the employment centre

recently set up a youth employment fund.

"There's additional funding that's been provided to our centre to provide incentive to employers to hire and train youth, and keep them here," said Quigley.

For young people like Kerr, Skills Link has opened up the door to new possibilities.

"I'm really glad I did the program," she said. "I was nervous at first because I knew I was going to have to talk to people, but it helped a lot especially with the field I went into."

The Fleming CREW Employment Centre hosted a celebration event on Nov. 14 to recognize the efforts of all those involved with the program, including employers.

Young people interested in joining the program should either visit the employment centre, located at 49 Maple Avenue, or call Papadopoulos at 705-457-2020.

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Meetings and Events

November 15
1:00 pm, Downtown Holiday Decorating, call Elisha at 705-286-2298 for more details

November 17
4:30 – 5:30 pm, Township Tree Lighting,
Minden Hills Cultural Centre

November 19
3:00 pm, Planning & Development Advisory
Committee meeting, Minden Hills Council Chambers

November 21
7:00 pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory
Committee meeting, Lochlin Hall

November 23
11:30 am, Santa Claus Parade, downtown Minden

November 28
9:00 am, Committee of Adjustment meeting,
Minden Hills Council Chambers

Public Skating

Available every Sunday and Wednesday at the
S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena from 12 noon to 2 pm
Helmets are recommended
Please call Jane Harrison, CSD Administrative
Assistant at 705-286-1936 for details and
scheduling updates

Call for Floats!

The Township of Minden Hills is having their 14th
annual Santa Claus Parade on
Saturday, November 23rd at 11:30am.

The theme this year is "A Musical Christmas".
Applications for floats are available at Nature's
Place, 2nd floor Administration Building, the
Township Website or by contacting Elisha Weiss
at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Did You Know?

That in 1858 surveyor Michael Deane was commissioned
by the Department of Crown Lands to conduct a survey of
lot frontages along a proposed road beginning just north of
Kinmount. His line became the Bobcaygeon Road and ran
directly through the village of Gull River. The Bobcaygeon
Road was the first of the colonization roads to penetrate
Haliburton County from the south.

That same year J.W. Fitzgerald was sent to the area to
survey the settlement. He reported,

"...this township is now being settled by an industrious and
intelligent class of people, composed chiefly of immigrants...
who have acquired a good knowledge of Canadian life."

The settler's petition of name change to Lieutenant-
Governor Sir Edmund Walker Head was granted and on
April 1, 1859, the village of Gull River was renamed Minden
Township. The name was selected in dedication to the
victory over the French by the English and German forces in
1758, at the Battle of Minden in the North Rhine-Westphalia.

Francis Kent, Minden's first settler, was selected as Minden's
first Postmaster but declined the position and tavern owner
Daniel Buck consequently was appointed allowing the tavern
and post office to become one and the same.
Not long afterwards Buck was removed from his position for
serving liquor in the post office.



MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE
Agnes Jamieson Gallery ~ Minden Hills Museum
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Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Christmas Ornament Workshop
Wed, Dec 4 at 6:00 pm, Common Room
Instructor Nadine Papp
Cost: \$10 per person

How exciting is it to bring out your 'made in
China' Christmas ornaments when decorating
your tree? Imagine the fun each year of
unwrapping and hanging ornaments you made,
that can be handed down as little treasures. This
is a fun, very inventive but easy workshop where
a number of ornaments will be made.
Supplies included.

Call 705-286-3763 to register or for more
information

2013 Annual Members' Show
Nov 12 to Dec 21, 2013
Opening Reception Nov 16 at 1:00 pm

In honour of Dr. Agnes Jamieson's wish, this
is a non-juried opportunity for members of
the gallery to show their most recent artwork.
Members are allowed one piece per media that
they work in. Entry forms can be found on the
Cultural Centre website. Visitors are encouraged
to vote in the People's Choice Award, selecting
one of their favourite pieces. Winning artists will
receive their next year's membership free. New
this year the winner will also be given a 'mini'
exhibition the following year at the Members'
Show. This year Harvey Walker will be exhibiting
his work.

Documentary Query

Know of a dynamo/interesting documentary
you've recently viewed on YouTube or a Ted Talk?

This coming winter the newly renovated
Common Room will be equipped with new multi-
media capabilities. So to 'while-away' the winter
evenings we hope to have a few nights that
break the bleakness and create some interesting
dialogue from viewing different kinds of
documentary-like videos.

Email us at gallery@mindenhills.ca with your
suggestion and we will keep an ongoing list.

Dates to be announced on our website.

Fire Calendar Winners

Week of October 28
Ron McKelvey and Robert Lucas

Week of November 4
Deanna Garbutt and Dorothy Dewar



*Celebrate the lighting of the
Township tree!*

This year the lighting of the Township tree will take place
on Sunday November 17th from 4:30-5:30 pm at the
Cultural Centre. There will be carols and hot beverages
to enjoy so bring your family out to spread a little cheer
this season.

The theme for the tree is "Nature Friendly" so only natural,
biodegradable ornaments are being asked to be put on
the tree. Get creative and be inspired by the environment
around you. Don't forget to bring your ornaments with you
to help decorate the tree.

If you would like more information please contact Elisha
Weiss at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.
Please visit www.mindenhills.ca for full details.



**Downtown Minden
Saturday, November 23, 2013**

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the 14th
annual Santa Claus Parade on
Saturday, November 23rd at 11:30am
This year's theme is
"A Musical Christmas"

The Parade will start from Newcastle Street, follow
Bobcaygeon Road, turn onto
Parkside Street and end at the S.G. Nesbitt
Memorial Arena parking lot.

Free photographs with Santa afterwards in the
Bowron House at the Cultural Centre.



Get in the spirit of the holidays!

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for
volunteers to help decorate the downtown
core of Minden this holiday season. Anyone
interested can meet in the Village Green on
Friday November 15th at 1:00 pm. If you have
your own wire cutters, please bring them along!

If you would like to help, please contact Elisha at
705-286-2298 for more information.

Highlander life

Dedication turns gifts to good works

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It's a busy time of year for the SIRCH Community Services team.

They're getting ready for the rush that comes after Christmas, when their clients need the most help to make it through the winter months. Now is the time, when the Gifts from the Heart catalogue campaign is in full swing, that SIRCH must fundraise to meet the financial demands of the coming year.

But you won't hear anyone there complaining about their long hours.

Diane Johnson handles the organization's finances. She's been with SIRCH for almost 24 years.

"I choose to stay working here because over the many years I've been here, the one thing that's always consistent is that the people that work here are dedicated and caring," she said. "They always work to empower people wherever they're at in their stage of life."

"I see that it makes a difference."

Sarah Grozelle is one of SIRCH's administrators.

"I'm not frontline, but I get to see the

magic happen," she said. "When I finished school I didn't know what I wanted to do with my business diploma, so I started with a bank and decided it wasn't for me. Then I came to [SIRCH] and I wouldn't have it any other way."

"I love that we help people in our community."

One of the ways SIRCH helps is to offer food programs, such as the community kitchens in Haliburton and Minden.

Alisha Lafleur is the food initiative coordinator at SIRCH. Through the community kitchens, she said SIRCH provides over 200 meals free to people in need each month.

"In our [Bright Starts group], we're teaching [moms] to cook healthy food for their families on a slim budget," she

said. "We provide them with recipes and we get generous subsidies from places in the community to give everyone vegetables and milk. We make sure their families are taken care of."

As a mother herself, Lafleur said it's gratifying for her to

share those skills with other moms and help them provide for their families.

Shanthi Bascombe is the Need a Hand program coordinator for SIRCH.

"What I really like about working here is that I'm encouraged to think out of the box and come up with creative solutions for real people living in the community," she said. "There's the nimbleness and flexibility to... find solutions for individuals that are coming to us."

SIRCH receives funding for its programs, but the money doesn't cover all the services the organization provides. That's where the Gifts from the Heart catalogue campaign fills the gaps.

Last week's issue of The Highlander had a story about a young autistic girl who attended the School's Cool program to get ready for her first year in junior kindergarten. That wouldn't have been possible without Gifts from the Heart dollars, said Daniela Pagliaro, manager of community resilience programs.

"In order for [her] to go to School's Cool, it was only going to work if we had a single dedicated instructor," she said.

SIRCH hired someone for her using dollars from the campaign so she could participate in the program.

"When people come to us with a need, we cannot go fundraise for each individual person," Bascombe said. "We have to have a way to raise funds so when the phone call comes we've got the resources



there to put them to the solution."

Pagliaro said the entire office is buying Gifts from the Heart, and they'll continue to work hard to bring in the money that will help their clients throughout the year.

"It needs to matter to me what I'm doing, and this matters."

To buy a Gift from the Heart, view the catalogue online at www.sirch.on.ca or call 705-457-1742.

It needs to matter to me what I'm doing, and this matters.

Daniela Pagliaro
manager, community resilience programs

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, November 28, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-12-07

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9537, registered August 21, 2013.

2. File No. SRA-13-04

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9555, registered October 16, 2013.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 14th day of November, 2013.

Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator

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Highlander business



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Kirsten Monk and Barry Cray, co-owners and operators of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home in Minden, have overcome insurmountable odds after the flood devastated their building. They held an open house to show the newly renovated building, as well as to thank the community for their support as they rebuilt after the flood.

Flood recovery: it takes a village

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Many businesses were devastated when the waters rose in Minden this past spring.

The Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home is one of those, but its story is of success, perseverance, and a community coming together to support one of its own.

Kirsten Monk, co-owner and operator of the funeral home, said the water affected every part of the building. Not only did they have to gut every room, but her home, directly next door, was also flooded.

"We never stopped," she said. "We worked right through it all. The day we evacuated the funeral home we did a visitation, and the day we evacuated our house we did the funeral."

Monk was in constant contact with churches throughout the community, asking for assistance.

"They opened their doors and they helped us carry through," she said. "We were out of the building for four months."

The churches let them use their facilities for visitations, and they even used the Gooderham Community Centre a few times, as well.

"They were so helpful. We are so appreciative."

Their website provider made sure the site advised that service plans may be changing due to the flood, and out-of-town funeral homes assisted by allowing Monk and her staff to use their facilities.

"Everybody was trying to save us, so how could we quit? So we didn't, we just kept working."

During that period, the Ontario Board of Funeral Services contacted Monk to verify she was still in operation. If not, they could have revoked her license.

"They wanted to make sure I was going and able to do this, and we did. Never in our minds did we think we couldn't. We just had to figure out how we could."

To add to the company's plight, Monk's insurance company pulled out completely and did not provide any assistance. In order to make repairs, Monk and her husband, co-owner and operator Barry Cray, borrowed money privately and approached the Haliburton County Development Corporation. They also re-mortgaged their home for 15 years, which they had just finished paying off.

"Fortunately we were able to get some assistance from disaster relief (ODRAP) that's helped us to finish things off, so we're very grateful for that and everyone who helped us get back on our feet."

Staff were back and business resumed in the building on Aug. 9, but there was still plenty of work to be done on renovations.

On Nov. 9, the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home opened its doors to the public for an open house and blessing event to thank the community for its support. It was also an opportunity to show the new and improved

funeral home.

Monk said when everything is finished they will have spent almost \$500,000 on repairs, upgrades and renovations.

"We did upgrades to ensure if this happens again, we'll be in a better situation," she said.

They installed televisions in every room, and a new state-of-the-art Bose sound system throughout the building.

"Our sound system was really bad, but now it's one of the best," she said.

A set of oak doors was removed from the chapel that led outside, replaced by windows and new lighting on the ceiling to brighten the room, which was dark before. The doors were then used to build tables and the countertop of an island in the reception area, which has also been opened up.

"We've now got a little area in the back for people in spring, summer, or fall, if they want to go out back and have a coffee or take a break. We tried to make it as friendly as possible."

The office space has been renovated and the new showroom, although smaller than before, showcases more caskets due to end cuts provided by Northern Caskets in Lindsay.

They've also upgraded to four bathrooms, one being a family washroom and another that's completely accessible.

The garage is the only part left to be completed. Its insulation is still wet from the flood and is moldy. Monk said they're working on filling their 19th garbage bin since work began.

"We're [having this open house] today to say thank you," she said. "We want to make sure everyone knows how much we appreciate what they've done, through fundraising, helping out, supporting us, and believing in us."



Yours to Explore
HighlandsEast.ca

Community members of all ages are invited to attend a community conversation about Cultural Planning for the Municipality of Highlands East

DATE: Thursday, November 21st, 2013

TIME: 6:30pm to 9:00 pm

PLACE: Lloyd Watson Centre, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce

What is Cultural Planning?

Cultural Planning is about who we are, and what we value and our future.

Culture includes our heritage and history, recreation, meeting places, landscapes, cottaging, hunting and fishing, our stories, outdoor experiences, artisans, community events, the natural environment, organizations, commerce and a whole lot more.

Highlands East is on the move.... Have your say..... Be part of the Action!

Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Need a ride? Please call 705 448-2981 ext.229.

Highlander arts

What's Up Writers and editors seek changes and higher profile



By George Farrell

Writing is a lonely journey. We sit at our computers, at times for hours on end, and tap out our memoirs, poems, articles, short stories, plays and books. After an often painful editing procedure the next big step is publication. At this point unfortunately the journey often ends because many writers don't have the required funds or knowledge to progress to a hard copy or e-book publication. Consequently there are worthwhile unpublished works sitting in dark drawers, gathering dust.

It's different for local artists who have the advantage of a number of art galleries and businesses that are willing to exhibit their works. For writers, if they are published, the book might be in the local library. But in the Highlands, other than the newspapers (and this writer is thankful for the opportunities our weekly publications have afforded), there are very few additional ways for the public to see or hear our efforts.

Specifically there is no periodic publication available that would give an ongoing perception of what it is that our writers are writing about; they're basically writing in obscurity.

What to do? The short answer is to seek help, and for writers and editors in the Highlands the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network (HHWEN) might be a good place to start.

HHWEN is "an umbrella organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing, fostering literacy, and providing moral support to writers and editors through education and networking, both independently and in cooperation with existing organizations."

Now that's a fine-sounding mission statement but in a recent letter to its membership the management committee said that changes were needed "in redefining and reorganizing HHWEN for these changing times."

A meeting was subsequently held on Oct. 23 to discuss what changes were needed. The meeting identified several areas, including: wider use of social media, holding more public events, the compilation of a survey which will identify members' skills, and increased networking.

A post-meeting interview with HHWEN committee member and spokesperson Kathy Purc revealed that the organization also needs a much higher profile in the county. At the present time HHWEN (which has several writers circles and 'Poets in the

Pub' under its umbrella), consists of approximately 35 members. "But there are many more writers out there who don't belong to organizations," Purc admitted.

"We have such a great pool of writers and published authors who just aren't known," she said. Purc also said that among other ideas HHWEN was thinking of holding a literary festival in the summer to help raise the profile.

At the Oct. 23 meeting members were asked to bring their ideas and creativity. I was unable to attend, so here are some of my thoughts.

HHWEN needs to be diligent in seeking grants. There are funding opportunities available from agencies which help writer's organizations and their members realize their publishing goals.

As for raising the profile, some funding could go towards facilitating a writer's periodical so that the general public could actually read what our writers are writing.

More consistent publicity and promotion is required for 'Poets in the Pub,' the 'Dead Poets Society' and other events such as workshops that the general public is not aware of.

HHWEN also needs to increase the size of its 'friends' list in order to get more people out to events instead of relying on its small membership. Identifying other non-HHWEN writers out there and inviting them to functions could help swell membership.

HHWEN could reach more people by partnering in events with other arts organizations at art openings, and music nights etc.

Resurrecting a 'Writer in Residence' program or something similar should be considered.

HHWEN could develop a 'Writers of the Year' awards event. A junior award could also be given by connecting with the high school English and drama departments.

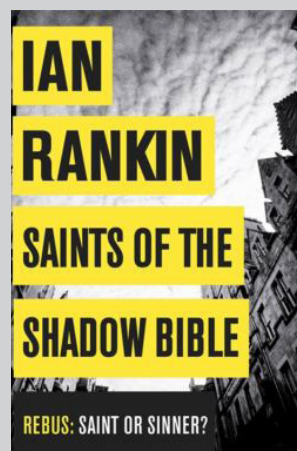
In an e-mail to me Kathy Purc wrote: "We will get those works out of the dark drawers and into the hands of readers by connecting the writer to the resources they need to move them towards the light."

Let's hope that statement comes true because writers in the Highlands deserve as much recognition as the other arts.

For more information on HHWEN visit www.haliburtonwriters.ca

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



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1. *Saints of the Shadow Bible* by Ian Rankin
2. *Dark Witch* by Nora Roberts
3. *Winners: a novel* by Danielle Steel

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth* by Chris Hadfield
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HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

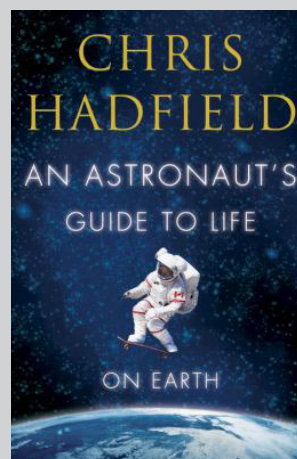
1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: hard luck* by Jeff Kinney (Junior Fiction)
2. *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth (Young Adult)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Monsters University* (DVD)
2. *Accused* by Lisa Scottoline (Book on CD)

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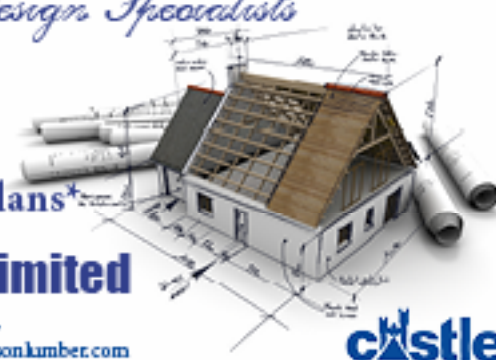
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Haliburton remembers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A crowd gathered at the cenotaph in Haliburton on Nov. 11 to honour the sacrifices made by men and women in the First and Second World Wars as well as present conflicts.

Despite the snow and overcast skies, the traditional proceedings were carried out. They

included a wreath laying ceremony, moment of silence and parade down Highland Street featuring members of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band and the Haliburton Legion branch 129 Colour Party, among others.

A church service was held at the Haliburton Legion prior to the start of the ceremony in the downtown core.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top left: Haliburton Legion sergeant-at-arms Brian Hambly, left, and Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander Chad Bark salute soldiers at the cenotaph. Above: Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, right, lays a wreath at the cenotaph with sergeant-at-arms Brian Hambly.



Photos by Warren Riley

Minden Remembrance day

The Minden Hills remembrance day ceremony was held on Nov. 10 inside the community centre.

Pictured left: Kanwal Sethi D.S.M. (ret) lays a wreath for the Lake Superior Regiment. Above: MP Barry Devolin presents Phil Graham with a medal at the Minden Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636.

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Students learn to listen with their hearts



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Tathan McCutcheon's classmates put together presentations on Angelman Syndrome to teach other students how to communicate and interact with him. Pictured above from left are Zander Upton, Tathan McCutcheon, Hannah Gartshore, and Annarose Kirkpatrick.

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Tathan McCutcheon has Angelman Syndrome.

When his classmates at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) heard other kids making fun of him, they decided to do something about it.

"My [students] were hearing people talking about Tathan behind his back," said Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan, a Grade 3 teacher at ASES. "My class decided they wanted to educate the Grade 2s and Grade 4s as to what it meant to be in Tathan's world, what Angelman meant, and how you can talk to Tathan."

According to the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST), "Angelman Syndrome is a severe neurological disorder characterized by profound developmental delays, problems with motor coordinator and balance, and epilepsy. Individuals with Angelman Syndrome do not develop functional speech."

Kids on the playground were questioning why anyone would want to play with someone like Tathan who couldn't even speak. What they didn't know, however, was that Tathan was able to communicate. You just have to know how to listen.

They call it listening with their hearts.

To show the other kids in school how to do that, the Grade 3 students used iPads and an application called Explain Everything.

"They thought it would be really cool to make a presentation on [Tathan] and explain everything using text, video, voice recordings and photographs, all in the same app," Marks-O'Sullivan said.

The students researched Angelman Syndrome at home and interviewed Tathan's parents, Bethan and Sean.

"From there, they had to experience Tathan's world for an hour," Mark-O'Sullivan said. "Part of the academic day, their lunch, and playtime, they couldn't talk. They wore

green stickers which indicated they were in Tathan's world."

The kids did not enjoy the experience.

"They hated that," she said. "They found that really difficult. One boy's words were '[It was] very frustrating. Kids were bugging me and I couldn't tell them.'"

The students encourage Tathan to communicate using his own iPad and an app called Proloquo2Go, which can be manipulated to give speech. They also use the fist method, where they ask Tathan a question and each fist represents an answer. Tathan then picks the fist he wants, for example, whether he'd rather play on the swing or in the sandbox.

"That's the kind of stuff they were trying to teach the Grade 2s and 4s to do so they would feel comfortable playing with Tathan," said Marks-O'Sullivan.

Presentations were two to three minutes long. The students each presented theirs to up to five other students, using Explain Everything.

"Each slide had information on it, [and it] didn't matter how it was presented," she said. "They took pictures of their fists to explain about the fists [communication method]. These were their ideas."

Some students included clips of their interview with Tathan's parents, while others had pictures, video and text.

"It's a multimedia way of presenting."

While many of his classmates were familiar with Tathan from the year before, they still learned a lot from the process, Marks-O'Sullivan said.

As word got around about these presentations, more and more teachers wanted their classes to see them. They've now spread throughout the entire school.

"The ultimate goal was that anybody with a disability is to be treated as a person," she said.

"It's been very powerful. Hopefully there's no more teasing."

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE: November 25, 2013
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MVA23/2013, Part Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Snowdon – Jopling Road
Purpose: The Applicant requires relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit a sleeping cabin within the required front and side yard setbacks in the Shoreline Residential Zone. The following variances are required:

1. From Sections 4.1.13 and 5.2 to permit a sleeping cabin 4.6 metres (15 feet) from the high water mark. The required front yard setback in the Shoreline Residential Zone is 23 metres (75.5 feet); therefore, the Applicant requires a variance of 18.4 metres (60.5 feet).
2. From Sections 4.1.13 and 5.2 to permit a sleeping cabin 2 metres (6.5 feet) from the interior side yard lot line. The required interior side yard setback in the Shoreline Residential Zone is 4.5 metres (14.8 feet); therefore, the Applicant requires a variance of 2.5 metres (8.3 feet).

File No. MVA24/2013, Part Lot 4, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden – Rusty Stream Lane
Purpose: The Applicant requires relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit an addition to their non-complying dwelling in the Shoreline Residential Zone. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to reduce the front yard setback for the principal dwelling from 14.6 metres (48 feet) to 13.4 metres (44 feet).
2. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of a non-complying dwelling by 9% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed dwelling will be 34% larger than the existing building). The proposed dwelling will not exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage in the Shoreline Residential Zone.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to a proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the Committee's decision will be sent to the Applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed a written request for notice of the decision with the Secretary-Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the meeting at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2013

Adam King, M.R.M.
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

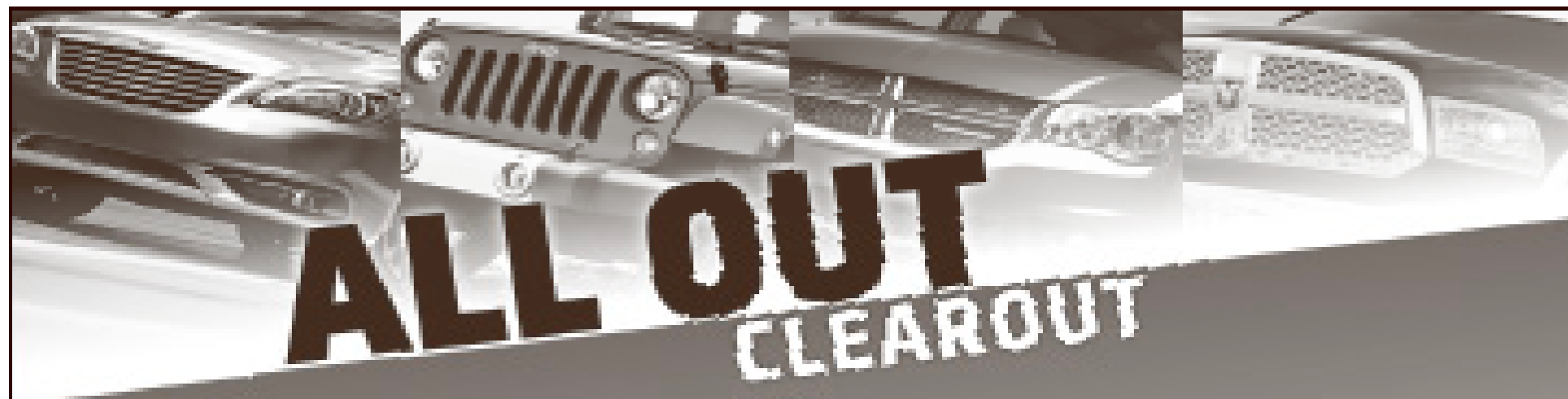


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Chugging along with train day at OEYC

Tiny train enthusiasts converged on the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton to get up close and personal with Thomas the Tank Engine and friends at 'Train Day' on Nov. 9. Local resident Doug Stephen's model train set was a huge hit with over 40 kids and their parents. Thomas, Percy and James took centre stage but there were also replica engines, wagons and passenger cars from all eras, including Canadian National 2616, the steam engine that sits on the high school playing field in the village. For those who missed this outing of Doug's train set, he'll be showing it again at the Wilberforce Santa Parade.

Pictured above: Doug Stephen's trains captivate kids and parents at the Haliburton OEYC.



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Highlander sports

Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Tammy Smith

The Ed Smolen dentistry Bantam A's kept their winning streak alive in a fast and exciting game with Huntsville on Nov. 8 at the Minden Arena.

The storm boys came out strong at first as Matt Wilbee opened the scoring with the assist going to Nolan Flood. After that, Huntsville seemed to take control tying it up in the first and then scoring three more in the second until Kyle Cooper scored unassisted to make it 4-2.

After the intermission and some advice from the coaching staff the boys once again proved that they are a strong third period team. They managed to make it 4-3 early in the third when Wilbee scored his second goal, assisted by Andrew Hall. With just over a minute left in the game, Coach Drew Bishop called a time-out and then pulled the goalie with the faceoff in Huntsville's end.

Flood tied the game with assists from Owen 'Smitty' Smith and Josh Boice. With seven seconds left in the game, Boice scored the game winner with the assist going to Hall. The Storm's next home game is in Haliburton on Friday at 7 p.m. against South Muskoka.

Come out and cheer the boys on.

Minden CARQUEST Midget B girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Highland Storm Minden CARQUEST Midget B girls travelled to North Bay this past weekend to participate in the North Bay Blue Sky Classic. Their first game was an ol' barn-burner style tilt as the Storm took on the host club, North Bay Ice Bolts. The Ice Bolts thundered out of the gates and put the Storm to the test early in the game, jumping out to an early 1-0 lead. The Storm squad battled back and tried to tie up the score. Erin Little was awarded a penalty shot mid-way through the second period but just missed the blocker-side top corner keeping

North Bay out in front. The Highland Storm never lost their focus and early in the third period tied the game off a sneaky wrister from Alicia McLean. Both teams continued to challenge the other squad and with just minutes left in the game, Little solved the Ice Bolt tender with a snap shot, glove side to put the Storm ahead 2-1. The Storm girls rallied to support the lead and took the charge out of the Ice Bolts, securing the 2-1 win.

The second game of the tourney saw the Storm girls take on the Almaguin Gazelles. A little payback was discussed from last year's play-downs where this talented team handed the Storm one of their worst losses ever. The Highland Storm continued to focus on their strong team play, patience, grit and passing with purpose. A scoreless battle was carried into the third period where both teams were trying to jump out with a 1-0 lead and steal a win. With both teams keeping the other side off the scoreboard in a barrage of penalty kills, Little opened the scoring late in the third period off a beauty pass from Kelsey Maracle from behind the net where Little put a snap shot past the strong Gazelle netminder. The girls would score another for a 2-0 win over the strong Almaguin club.

The Highland Storm girls took on the Markham-Stouffville Stars in their third game of round robin play, winning 3-0 and setting up a rematch in the semi-finals with the Almaguin Gazelles.

On Sunday, the Storm girls took to the ice in their 8:00 a.m. semi-final game. As the Storm went hunting for their fourth win in the tournament. After 25 scoreless minutes, and with the Storm dominating the balance of the play, Almaguin created a turnover, resulting in a two on none break. Connor Marsden got a piece of the puck but not enough to keep it out. The Storm were unable to score, and lost 2-0. The Storm's 3-1 record showed improvements in every aspect of our total team play.

Next home game is Friday night at 7:30 in Minden, hosting the Lindsay Lynx, followed up on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 when Cold Creek will be in Haliburton.

Dollo's Foodland Peewee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Highland Storm Dollo's Foodland Peewee A team split a two game weekend against Huntsville. The first game on Saturday in Haliburton saw a scoreless first period with the Storm successfully killing consecutive penalties. Huntsville opened the scoring at 4:58 of the second period but the Storm team immediately answered back with a goal by Lucas Haedicke 30 seconds later as he deked the defence and put the puck in top shelf. Tied going into the third period the

wheels fell off the Storm wagon as penalties continued to plague the team. Huntsville scored three more goals of which two were on the power-play as they won 4-1.

The Storm Peewee A team travelled to Huntsville on Sunday determined to even up the score. The Storm played a good game right from the start but Huntsville opened the scoring with a power-play goal late in the first period. The second period saw multiple Storm penalties which were all successfully killed but leaving little opportunity to score. Going into the third period down 1-0 and playing with only nine skaters against Huntsville's three-line bench, the Storm put continuous pressure on a Huntsville team that buckled under as our boys evened up the score with a long-range shot by Owen Gilbert with 5:45 remaining in the game. The Storm kept it up and it was Gilbert again who put a in fantastic bar-down shot from the top of the slot with four minutes remaining. Huntsville tried to come back but the Storm team did not let their guard down and kept most of the remaining play out of their own zone to take the win 2-1.

Tom Prentice & Sons Bantam AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

The Highland Storm Tom Prentice & Sons Bantam AE squad, kindly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, needed something good to happen. They had played fairly well last week but hadn't been rewarded for their effort and you could see that the boys were starting to question themselves. The coaching staff, led by Jason Billings, continued to stress that effort would eventually pay off and that the Storm just needed a few breaks for things to start to come their way. A home and home with Port Carling's A team was going to provide a good test to this theory. The boys had won a one goal game earlier in the season against the Thunder so they knew it was going to be a tough game.

The game started well with our mobile defensive unit showing an energy and grit that had been elusive at times. Aiden Garbutt and Alex Wilbee, in particular, were a force on the line, efficiently keeping the defensive zone clear of trouble in the early going. Midway through the period, Ryan Prentice head-manned the puck to Jon Morrison who had a head of steam coming through the middle. Morrison centred the puck to Mitch Billings who crossed the blue line and wristed a nice shot to give the Storm the first goal of the game.

The boys had a tough second period with three unanswered goals providing a shift in momentum that was going to be hard to regain. Ryan Hannah, with equipment graciously borrowed from our up and

coming back-up goalie Ethan Howe, valiantly kept the game within reach. As the final minute ticked away, Matt Manning cleared the puck to Devyn Prentice who keenly forwarded it up to Alex Petrie in the clear. Petrie made no mistake, burying the puck on the breakaway to bring it back to within two. In the third, the boys relentlessly forechecked the beleaguered Port Carling defense to force mistake after mistake. The line of Ben Schmidt, Devyn Prentice and Petrie worked the cycle to perfection and were rewarded when Petrie's shot from an odd angle deflected into the Thunder net. With only two minutes left Billings directed the puck toward the net, and Petrie batted it at the goalie. As a mad scramble ensued, Morrison found the puck as it squirted loose to tie the game. Looks like coach Billings was right, effort means luck will always follow eventually.

Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Highland Storm's Peewee AE's, sponsored by The Haliburton Family Medical Centre, had three games this weekend. Saturday was an afternoon tilt against the Oro Thunder. Our squad opened the game in overdrive, applying pressure right away and not letting up. A coaching decision to move Colby Lambshead up to forward paid dividends early as he potted in a rebound after Noah Black blasted one from the point. Little did either team realize that that would be the only goal the Storm would need on this day. The Storm played a strong game and goalie Jaxson Campbell was spectacular, posting his first shutout of the year.

On Sunday the squad played a double-header against North Muskoka. The character of the Storm is one of consistent pressure on the forecheck and in both games the team was a driving force, pressuring North Muskoka throughout. Unfortunately, misfortune dictated the day and the Storm found themselves down by three at the end of the second. In the third, the unit struck hard, Lexie Tait scored first to bring the game to within two and with only a minute left and the Storm net empty, Brady Baldry shuffled in a loose puck to make the final score 3-2.

In the second game, our crew continued their relentless effort and held the North Muskoka Lightning in their zone for much of the game. The Lightning had a couple of lucky breaks though and won the game. It's a shame. The Storm played their heart out this weekend but were rewarded with little in the way of wins. The rewards run much deeper though because they can take pride in the fact that they left it all out there on the ice.



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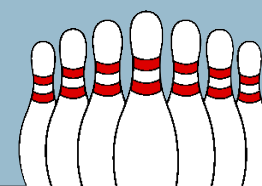
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Highlander events

Illusionist inspires youth

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Magician Claude Haggerty not only brought his tricks to Minden's community centre on Nov. 7, but he also provided a message of hope and inspiration to children and families who attended the show.

"I've been doing this [magic] since I was 12 years old," said Haggerty, who made people appear, disappear and levitate at the sold-out fundraiser for Community Living and the Minden Food Bank.

The Dunnville, On. native who now lives in St. Catharines can make an elephant disappear, but one of his proudest accomplishments is overcoming stuttering, a speech disorder he faced as a child.

"Most times when I would try to speak to somebody, they would ridicule me for the stuttering," he said. "So you wouldn't talk to anyone. Many times people would look at you as if you were stupid."

A child who grew up in foster care, Haggerty turned to his school's library to escape the school yard bullies. There he read every book about magic that he could get his hands on. After he learned his first card trick, his principal encouraged him to face his fears and show his peers.

"It was a way of being accepted by the other kids because I could do some pretty cool tricks. Otherwise because of my stuttering, they wouldn't even let me talk with them."

Haggerty's principal ended up giving Haggerty a ticket to a magic show – an event that was life-changing for him.

"Growing up in a small town, I never saw a big magic show like that. When he

took me to a magic show that had world calibre illusionists from all over the world, it was phenomenal."

Haggerty says magic and the opportunity his principal gave him changed the course of his life.

"This is why I talk a lot about dreams and goals, and believing in yourself."

A week before each show, Haggerty visits students at each local school. He shows them a few tricks and encourages them to pursue their dreams. Similar to his principal, he gives each teacher a ticket for his upcoming show so they can do a random draw in their classroom.

"Now my story can inspire others – not be a magician, but to believe in yourself. If I was able to find my way through all of this, they can too. I think it's important that children who share my story can hear my story. In many cases, these free tickets might have been the only way that these kids would be able to attend."

Haggerty said he may end up returning to the area to deliver magic workshops to students.

"What we do in the magic workshop is we come back to the school... and we teach tricks to 25 children in the school," he explained. "They put on a show that evening as a fundraiser for their school. We select children who normally do not get a chance to shine; they are the stars of the show."

Haggerty felt that the recent show was a tremendous success.

"I think it was an awesome turnout. I was really proud to partner with Community Living on this. I think they are a first-class organization."

Teresa Jordan, executive director of



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Bottom: Magician Claude Haggerty cuts his lovely assistant into three parts, then puts her back together again. Above: This box was pierced by swords, yet somehow the assistant appeared inside.

Community Living, said the event raised \$600 for the organization.

"The money will be used for creating a welcoming and creative space at Victoria Street School," she said.

Jordan said she is very appreciative of Haggerty for putting on such a great show.

"Claude [Haggerty] was a great

entertainer. He was very engaged with the children in the audience and reinforced his message to follow your dreams and that all things are possible. It was a great mix of inspiration, humour, and magic."

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Dan Manley directs the Highlands Chamber Orchestra through practice, getting ready for their pops concert on Nov. 23.

Orchestral concert has something for everyone

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

You don't need to be a classical music aficionado to enjoy a night out at the orchestra.

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra is returning to the stage for its winter concert, and they're playing music everyone will enjoy.

"[This is] a pops concert," said orchestra director Dan Manley. "All [the music] is familiar, tappable, something from a movie or commercial."

Songs include music from Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, The Godfather, Les Miserables, Sound of Music, Gladiator, and that song from the People's Diamonds commercial.

They are also playing *A Duet for Good* from Wicked, with two orchestra members singing the parts, and *Rhapsody in Blue* with Lauren McInnes.

Manley said people might recognize *Rhapsody in Blue* from recent film *The Great Gatsby*.

"[Leonardo DiCaprio] has this big mansion and holds an extravagant party, with fireworks and dancers," he said. "*Rhapsody in Blue*, various versions and

re-writes, is playing throughout."

The idea for a pops concert came because the orchestra wanted its music to be more accessible to audiences. Manley is unsure whether they will switch back and forth between pop songs and more classical music for future concerts. The set list for the spring concert hasn't been decided upon yet.

Manley said anyone who saw the

orchestra perform last year is in for a pleasant surprise.

"I love it," he said. "We're such a different orchestra from last year. Things are just zooming through and people are catching on faster. Part of it is people are playing better, but also people are playing the style better together."

The orchestra is made up of some new musicians, along with nearly expert ones,

he said.

"It's one thing to know how to play an instrument, but it's another to know how to play together. Ensemble building takes a good while to do, and in one year's time we've made big [improvements]."

The pops concert takes place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult, or \$20 for an adult with children.

Bereavement expert helps deal with grief

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

For those who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be a rough time of year.

David Kennedy, hospice and bereavement coordinator for Hospice Peterborough, will be in the Highlands on Nov. 19 to speak about the topic as part of Community Care's Need to Know educational series.

The talk, called *When holidays collide with grief*, is for three main groups, Kennedy said. The first is people who

have experienced loss. The others are families and caregivers who are connected with somebody who has experienced a death in their family, and for professionals who work the front lines with these people.

During the talk, Kennedy will explore some of the reasons why Christmas presents such an issue for grief.

"It's going to be very practical," he said. "I'm going to make some suggestions around things people can do that can help them. The people who are in fresh grief, the first Christmas is, quite frankly,

finding a way to survive."

People need to understand that everyone deals with their grief differently, and there's no one way to cope, he said.

"I hope people who come out that are grieving will leave having felt good about having the opportunity to honour their grief in a good way."

The seminar takes place on Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Haliburton Legion, and again at 2 p.m. at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. It's free to attend, however donations are appreciated. To RSVP, contact Community Care at 705-457-2941.

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